



# Curriculum

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## Shared information with families

This may be a very unfamiliar word. Basically, we use the word CURRICULUM when we refer to all we teach and all the children learn. CURRICULUM = TEACHING + LEARNING.

At Tanunda Kindergarten we consider carefully how this teaching and learning will happen. Preschool teachers have the same tertiary qualification as secondary and primary school teachers. However, we specialize in the education of young children. We create a programme of learning experiences especially designed to develop children's individual skills, abilities and understanding.

The Department of Education provides us with a curriculum document called 'The Early Years Learning Framework for Australia'.

This curriculum document and our programme address specific learning outcomes:

1. Children have a strong sense of identity
2. Children are connected with and contribute to their world
3. Children have a strong sense of wellbeing
4. Children are confident and involved learners
5. Children are effective communicators

You will regularly receive 'Curriculum News' in the newsletter which outlines our programme and the experiences the children have been involved in across all of these learning areas.

Throughout your child's year at kindergarten you will receive individual information about your child's learning. You are welcome to initiate a chat about your child at any time. Otherwise the following processes are in place:

In term 1 you will receive a 1 page written progress overview of how your child has begun at kindy

Your child's folder, which will contain their Individual Learning Plans, photos and learning stories, and will be sent home during and at the end of the year and is accessible across the term

In your child's second term you will be invited to meet with teachers to talk about your child's development

When your child leaves for school you will receive a written statement of learning which is a summary of their learning here at kindergarten. This report is also forwarded to your child's school, with your permission.